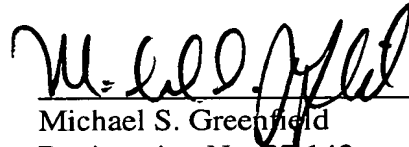


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments merely correct formal matters and remove all multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee and bring the claims into conformance with U.S. practice by removing multiple dependent claims that depend from multiple dependent claims. No new subject matter has been introduced by way of these amendments. Clean and redlined versions of the amended and new claims accompany this submission.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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Redlined Version of Amended Claims

1. (Amended) A liquid vaccine composition comprising at least one antigen consisting of a polysaccharide bound to a carrier protein, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it additionally comprises trehalose.
2. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said polysaccharide is the capsular polysaccharide of Haemophilus influenzae type b or Polyribosylribitol Phosphate.
3. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said polysaccharide is a pneumococcal polysaccharide.
4. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said polysaccharide is a meningococcal polysaccharide.
5. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in the preceding claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the said carrier protein is tetanus toxoid.
6. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in the preceding claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said carrier protein is diphtheria toxoid.
7. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in the preceding claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the quantity of trehalose is between 3 and 12% by mass.
8. (Amended) The vaccine composition as claimed in the preceding claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the quantity of trehalose is about 5%.
9. (Amended) The method of stabilizing a liquid vaccine composition comprising at least one antigen consisting of a polysaccharide bound to a carrier protein, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it consists in adding trehalose to the vaccine composition.
10. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the quantity of trehalose to be added is between 3 and 12% by mass.